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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ICMR UNIT FOR VECTOR BORNE DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala has submitted any proposal for setting up of a permanent Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) unit for the surveillance of Vector Borne Disease in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(d) whether the Union Government has released any financial assistance for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e): According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), they have not received any proposal from Government of Kerala for setting up of a permanent ICMR/Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC) for the surveillance of Vector Borne Disease in Kerala. However, one Sentinel Surveillance Site in Kerala for Dengue and Chickenguniya is being established and state Virology Institute Alleppey Kerala has been identified as Apex Referral Institute for advance Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) has been launched in November, 2004 as a centrally sponsored scheme with an outlay of Rs.408 crores with the objective to integrate disease surveillance activities in the country which would provide essential data to detect early warning signals of impending outbreaks and epidemics to facilitate timely and effective response to curb spread of diseases. The diseases covered under IDSP are Malaria, Acute Diarrhoeal Disease (Cholera), Typhoid, Measles, Polio, Plague, Meningoencephalitis/ Respiratory Distress, Hemorrhagic fever, other undiagnosed condition, HIV/HBV, HCV. The project has been introduced with the assistance of the World Bank. The State of Kerala is included in the Ist phase of the project.